

In the claims:

Please add new claims as follows:

- 2. The apparatus of claim 1 additionally comprising means for sorting said plurality of discrete particles by size from smaller particles.
3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said sorting and collimation means comprise one or more virtual impactors.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said one or more virtual impactors carry said plurality of discrete particles after sorting.
5. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein two or more virtual impactors are placed in series.
6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein one or more virtual impactors comprise nozzles leading to a virtual impactor later in series.
7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said force application means comprises a carrier gas.
8. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said force application means additionally comprises a laser.

9. A method of direct writing of a material, the method comprising the steps of:
- supplying the material to be deposited;
 - atomizing the material to produce a plurality of discrete particles;
 - applying a force to propel the plurality of discrete particles generally toward a substrate;
 - collimating the plurality of discrete particles to control the direction of flight of the plurality of discrete particles; and
 - depositing the plurality of discrete particles on the substrate.
10. The method of claim 9 additionally comprising the step of sorting the plurality of discrete particles by size from smaller particles.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein the sorting and collimating steps comprise employing one or more virtual impactors.
12. The method of claim 11 wherein the one or more virtual impactors carry the plurality of particles after sorting.
13. The method of claim 11 wherein two or more virtual impactors are placed in series.
14. The method of claim 13 wherein one or more virtual impactors comprise nozzles leading to a virtual impactor later in series.
15. The method of claim 9 wherein the applying step comprises employing a carrier gas.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the applying step additionally comprises employing a laser.--